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Chairperson: Mr. Salvioli

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The discussion covered in the summary record began at 4 p.m.

Organizational and other matters

Methods of work

1. **The Chairperson** said that during the current session the Committee had made progress in its examination of Mr. Shany's proposal to introduce an expedited procedure for the consideration of individual communications. It was his intention that the Committee should conclude its consideration of that proposal at its next session. At that session, consideration should also be given to a proposal by Mr. Shany on oral hearings and to a paper on remedies that he himself had presented.

2. **Sir Nigel Rodley** said that the Committee might wish, in due course, to give consideration to the possibility of issuing short statements on individual communications under examination with a view to enhancing transparency and to facilitating the submission of amicus curiae briefs.

3. **Mr. Shany** said that, in the interests of consistency, it would be useful to discuss developing a uniform format for lists of issues.

4. **The Chairperson** took note of those suggestions and said that the matters raised could be discussed at forthcoming sessions.

Announcement of Bureau decisions

5. **The Chairperson** said that at the current session the Committee had considered, and adopted concluding observations on, six State party reports, namely those of Cambodia, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Monaco and the Russian Federation. It had adopted lists of issues for six States parties: Austria, Benin, Greece, Iraq, the Republic of Korea and Suriname.

6. The Committee had considered 31 communications under the Optional Protocol. It had declared 10 cases inadmissible; it had found violations in 14 cases and no violation in 2 cases. It had decided to discontinue consideration of 5 cases.

7. The Committee had issued a press release that day deploring the failure of Indonesia to comply with the Committee's call for it to reinstate the de facto moratorium on the death penalty, as set out in the concluding observations on the initial report of Indonesia (CCPR/C/IDN/CO/1).

8. The Committee had adopted a note on issues for consideration during a half day of general discussion in preparation for a general comment on article 6 of the Covenant to be held at the July 2015 session. The Committee would invite interested members of national human rights institutions, civil society and academia to participate and provide written information on the subject. Information on how to participate in the discussion would be posted on the Committee's website.

9. The Committee had met informally with a number of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to discuss issues relating to States parties whose reports were under consideration and to engage in briefings on such topics as conscientious objection and albinism. He himself had met with the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and had indicated to it the Committee's willingness to collaborate on issues of common concern.

10. He said that he took it that the Committee wished to endorse the Bureau's recommendations.

11. *It was so decided.*

12. He announced that the following Committee members had been assigned mandates: Ms. Cleveland as Special Rapporteur for follow-up on concluding observations and Mr. Ben Achour as Deputy Rapporteur; Mr. Rodríguez-Rescia as Special Rapporteur for follow-up on Views; Sir Nigel Rodley and Mr. Shany, as Special Rapporteurs on new communications and interim measures; and Mr. Fathalla, as Rapporteur on reprisals.

Closure of the session

13. After the customary exchange of courtesies, **the Chairperson** declared the 113th session of the Human Rights Committee closed.

The meeting rose at 4.20 p.m.